

said. Now we all know better than that because he has just stood here this morning and contradicted himself by saying if you write a law on sexual assault and say that it is a twenty-five year minimum sentence, twenty-five years means twenty-five years. Why he sounded like me on the death penalty but we know that Senator Venditte vacillates with the issue. Senator Kahle said I flip-flop. Senator Kahle, I don't flip-flop. On the bill you brought up this morning, you were talking about a voluntary identification card and what I was opposed to was mandatory so you didn't get that very clear either. Now, Senator Murphy said that you can make executive departments obey the law. They shall do this or that. Senator Murphy, you and Senator Kahle and Senator Duis and Senator Hefner and others are frustrated at the way the system works. Now you all are conservatives and you conserve the system. Your system has built into it discretion on the part of the prosecutor. You cannot pass a law to make a prosecutor bring a charge. You cannot enact a law that says that a prosecutor must bring a charge. All you can do is define an offense and set a penalty and lay out procedures for taking a person to trial, but if the prosecutor decides not to file a charge, you cannot make him or her file the charge. So again, many things are being said on this floor because of a lack of understanding of how the system works and I do find it peculiar that on matters related to the law, the law which is supposed to be the substance upon which the security of a society is built, I have to be the one to speak for the system and I'll do it. I don't care how many say that they are on the other side. Why, when you have a lot of people on the other side of the issue that doesn't mean that they are right. Right and wrong are not determined by the number of people who say yea or who say nay. There are certain fundamental principles. There are certain propositions capable of logical and legal analysis, and after a proper analysis of these facts, we can arrive at a conclusion as to whether a position is valid or not. The Legislature as a whole does not proceed in that fashion and many laws are introduced by people who don't understand the system and how it operates. So they rail against the system which they have constructed because the system in that instance does not work the way they choose to have it work. Well what you ought to do, remember I didn't create the system, it was here and it is imposed on me in a negative way in many instances but nevertheless that's what the system is. There is no way because of the way you have constructed your Constitutions for you on this floor to change certain parts of the system because you are angry or because you are emotionally wrought up about a particular issue.

SPEAKER LUEDTKE: One minute, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: You can bring the bill to the floor, which you undoubtedly will do and you can hasten it to passage, but when it does not do what you want it to do, don't start pointing an accusing finger at prosecutors. They have to keep an entire system functioning and they cannot allow the Legislature because its thinking is out of joint to put the whole system out of joint. They should not use this law and they won't and I think they are showing courage when they do operate in accord with the best principles of criminology. Criminology is not designed to be vindictive, to respond to the emotions of the moment and I think that is what is being done under this bill and when you bring it out here and discuss it I'm going to oppose it further.